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FM AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 827

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

AMEMBASSY HELSINKI

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY OSLO

USLO PEKING

AMEMBASSY RANGOON

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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E.O. 11652 N/A

TAGS: MILI SW CH

SUBJECT: SWEDISH MILITARY CHIEFS TOUR EASTWARD

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1. SWEDISH ARMY COMMANDER GENERAL CARLERIC ALMGREN, LEFT STOCKHOLM OCTOBER 4 EN ROUTE TO CHINA WHERE HE IS SCHEDULED TO MAKE 8-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT, OCTOBER 8-16. ALMGREN, WHO IS ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE, VISITS BANGKOK, HONGKONG AND TOKYO AS WELL AS PEKING AND SHANGHAI IN CHINA.

2. ALMGREN TOLD CHARGE SOME WEEKS AGO THAT HE HAD HAD INVITATION FIVE YEARS BACK TO VISIT CHINA. HE SAID DEFMIN ANDERSSON OKAYED HIS DEPARTURE LAST SPRING, BUT OTHER BUSINESS FORCED HIM

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PUT IT OFF TO THIS AUTUMN. HE SAID HE WOULD BE PARTICULARLY

INTERESTED IN LOOKING AT PLA TRAINING PROGRAMS AND USE OF  
ARMY FOR MIX OF CIVIL AND MILITARY TASKS.

3. MEANWHILE, IT WAS ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK THAT GENERAL STIG  
SYNNERGREN, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF SWEDISH ARMED FORCES, WILL  
TRAVEL TO MOSCOW IN FIRST HALF OF OCTOBER ON INVITATION OF  
GENERAL V.G. JULIKOV, FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENSE. MEDIA  
REPORTED OCTOBER 8 THAT SYNNERGREN'S MOSCOW VISIT WAS POST-  
PONED BECAUSE OF MIDDLE-EAST CRISIS. END UNCLASSIFIED

4. COMMENT: VIRTUAL COINCIDENCE OF SYNNERGREN AND ALMGREN  
VISITS TO MOSCOW AND PEKING IS SCARCELY ACCIDENTAL. SWEDES DO  
NOT WISH TO SEEM TO PLAY FAVORITES. INDICATIONS ARE THAT  
ALMGREN TRIP WAS PUT OFF UNTIL SYNNERGREN WAS LINED UP FOR  
MOSCOW VISIT. INFORMED SWEDES SAY ALMGREN IS HIGHEST RANK  
WESTERN MILITARY MAN YET TO VISIT PRC. FOR FURTHER INFO ALMGREN'S  
VISIT SEE DAO STOCKHOLM 0466 DTG 211435Z JUNE (SECRET NOFORN)  
AND DAO STOCKHOLM 0686 DTG 130800Z SEP (DOCLANT SECRET NOFORN).  
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